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TAPASTE, CUBA
23-02N 82-04W

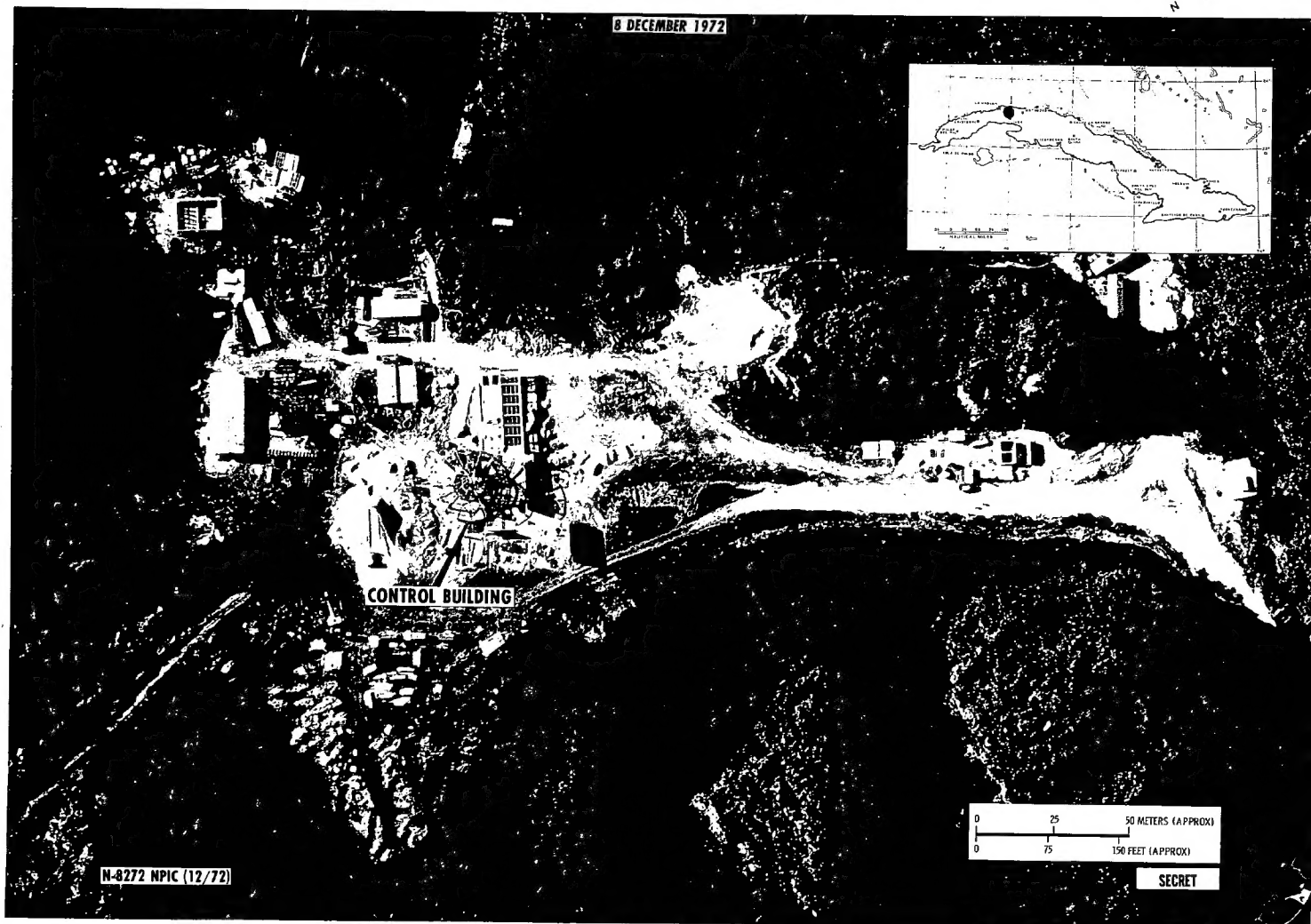
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REFERENCE TO: OLYMPIC FIRE MISSION G-407

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TAPASTE, CUBA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED COMSAT GROUND STATION NEAR TAPASTE, CUBA IS THE FIRST SOVIET COMSAT FACILITY IDENTIFIED OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION AND THE MONGOLIAN REPUBLIC.

2. LOCATION:

THE COMSAT FACILITY IS 16 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HAVANA, 3.0 NAUTICAL MILES ENE OF TAPASTE, AND 3.5 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF JARUCO AT 23-02-14N 082-04-45W.

3. COLLATERAL:

A CUBA-USSR SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT WAS REPORTEDLY SIGNED 8 JANUARY 1970. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDED CUBA WITH SOVIET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LANDBASED

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3. COLLATERAL: SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVING AND TRANSMITTING STATION. ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT CONTRACTS WOULD LATER BE SIGNED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION IN CUBA OF A GROUND STATION FOR MULTI-CHANNEL TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH AND RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HAVANA AND MOSCOW AND FOR THE EXCHANGE OF RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS. (FBIS DAILY REPORT 12 JANUARY 1970 UNCLASSIFIED: BOHEMIA 16 JANUARY 1970 UNCLASSIFIED).

4. NEGATION:



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5. MISSION READOUT: THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED SOVIET COMSAT GROUND STATION OBSERVED IN MID STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION NEAR TAPASTE, CUBA CONTAINED A CIRCULAR CONTROL BUILDING PARTIALLY INSET NEAR ONE END OF A LARGE L-SHAPED BUILDING IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. *and 12 support buildings*

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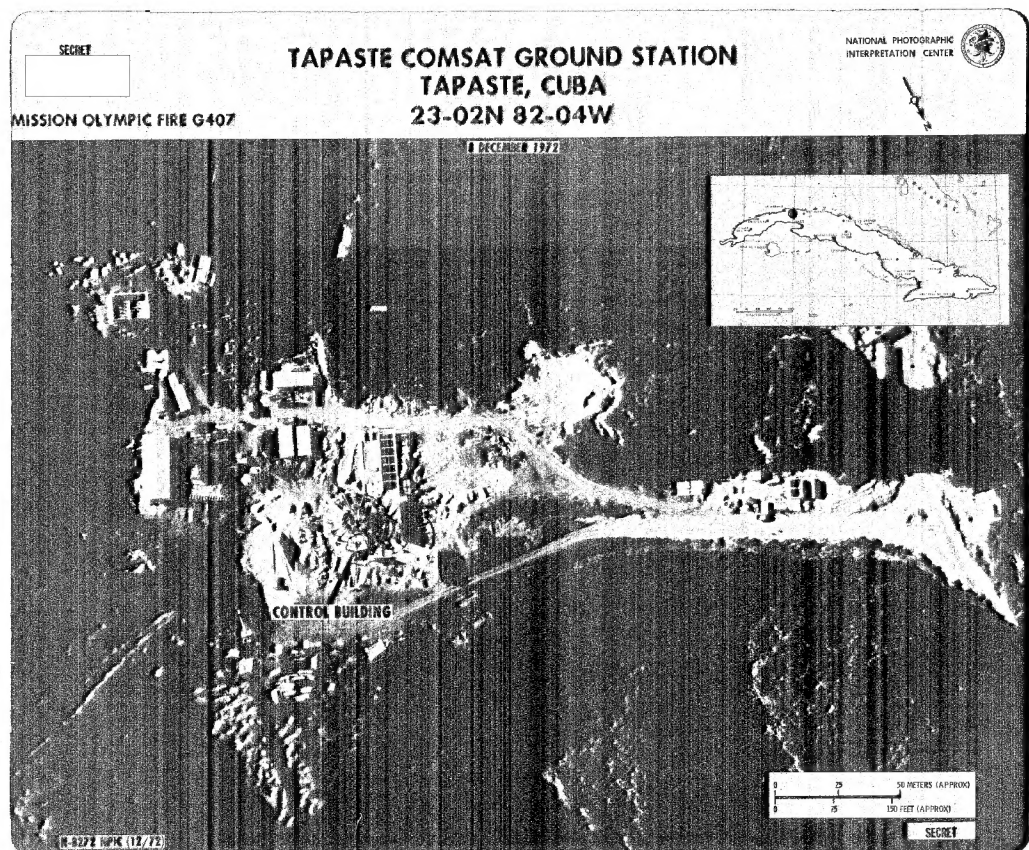
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